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REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of claims 5 and 8 containing patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Independent claim 1 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of claim 5 and independent claim 7 has been rewritten to contain the subject matter of claim 8, thereby placing those claims in condition for allowance based upon the Examiner's objection to claims 5 and 8.

Additionally, claim 6 has been amended to recite said article is a cover to a communication terminal and said second article is a keymat to said cover which limitations were the subject matter of claims 5 and 8 and which have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,439,390; claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent 5,277,920; claims 6 and 7 stand rejected as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,330,945 (Reimer) and claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Reimer in view of United States Patent 3,358,828 (Stagitto). The prior art relied upon by the Examiner in the aforementioned grounds of rejection is submitted to not suggest the subject matter of claim 6 including the limitation, "said first article is a cover to a communication terminal and said second article is a keymat to said cover." Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 6 is patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1030.41308X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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